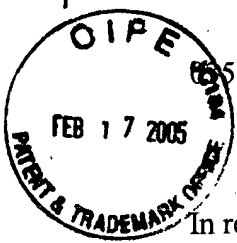


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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TAKAHARU KONDO, ET AL. )  
: ) Group Art Unit: 2822  
Application No.: 10/616,937 )  
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Filed: July 11, 2003 )  
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For: METHOD OF FORMING )  
LAMINATE AND METHOD )  
OF MANUFACTURING )  
PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE : February 14, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended to February 14, 2005 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time with fee, Applicants provisionally elect Species I, namely the embodiment in which an intermediate layer is formed on a base member and a metal layer is formed on the intermediate layer. Claims 1 to 4 and 12 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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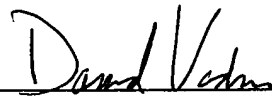
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Signature

February 14, 2005  
Date of Signature

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,  
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to  
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Damond E. Vadnais", is written over a horizontal line.

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